



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3512, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

12/3/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from proceeds of certificates of obligation in the amount of \$2,000,000 to be issued for the design of the Loop 360 Fire/EMS station. Related to item #14.

Lead Department

Austin Fire Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available from the future issuance of debt. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

May 24, 2018 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20180524-035, directing the City Manager to construct, build, or establish interim fire stations.

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Additional Backup Information:

City Council passed Resolution No. 20180524-035 with a unanimous vote, directing City staff to construct and staff five new permanent Fire/EMS stations in the areas of greatest need as identified in the updated 2017 Austin Fire Department/Austin Fire Association Fire Station Risk and Service Delivery Analysis Report. The Loop 360 Fire/EMS station was designated as the third highest priority station.

Loop 360 Fire/EMS station will be a four bay, two-story building housing both Fire and EMS units. The cost estimate is \$2,000,000 for total design and soft costs. Once design work is completed, construction costs and operating expenses will be presented for approval by City Council via mid-year budget amendments or future budgets.

A reimbursement resolution is required by state and federal law in order for the City to reimburse itself from the issuance of debt obligations in the future. The resolution must contain certain information and is generally reviewed by bond counsel to protect the tax-exempt status of the future issuance. The resolution must be passed not more than 60 days after the date that the cost to be reimbursed is paid. Failure to adopt a qualified declaration of official intent will prohibit the City from reimbursing the cost with the proceeds of tax exempt obligations. Reimbursement bonds generally must be issued 18 months after the later of the date the expenditure was made, or the date that the project, with respect to which the expenditure was made, is placed in service.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.

